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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD AT THE  
BOHEMIAN CLUB, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ON  
JANUARY 29, 1921, AT 6.00 P. M.

There were present President Moore and Directors Aitken, Einarsson, Black, Costa, Benfield, Cushing and Richardson. Dr. E. C. Slipher, of the Lowell Observatory was also present by courtesy.

The following new members were elected:

ALEXANDER B. MACKAY, of Calgary, Alberta.  
Mrs. C. E. KORTHE, of Taft, California.  
GEORGE T. RUDDOCK, of San Francisco.  
E. C. WESCOTT, of Sacramento, Cal.  
FRED W. STEPHENSON, of San Francisco.  
WILLIAM WALDEYER, of San Francisco.  
W. C. PROBASCO, of Lone Pine, Cal.  
H. H. SCALES, of San Francisco.  
G. F. TILGHMAN, of San Francisco.  
THE SCIENCE MUSEUM, of London, England.

Director Costa, who was appointed at the last meeting to interview the heirs of the late Joseph A. Donohoe with a view to securing some modification of the terms of the Comet Medal endowment, reported that, in company with Director Cushing, he had called upon Mr. J. A. Donohoe, son and representative of the heirs of the donor, who had received the committee kindly and indicated a willingness to grant the wish of the Society.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. W. W. Sargeant, Secretary of the Pacific Division of the A. A. S., which called attention to the fact that a meeting of the Pacific Division will be held in Berkeley in August next, and asking the Board to make proper provision for participation of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific in same. On motion, duly carried, the President appointed Directors Benfield and Einarsson to represent the Society at the preliminary meeting of the Affiliation Committee which will be called some time in February.

There was considerable general discussion of the financial condition of the Society and the need for increased revenues to carry on its work. This was largely made necessary by the advance in the cost of printing. On motion of Director Costa, it was decided that some special steps should be taken to increase the membership of the organization and the Secretary was instructed to prepare cards for use of applicants. Directors Aitken and Moore were instructed to prepare in brief but attractive form, appropriate scientific data which might be printed upon the reverse of these forms to engage the attention of astronomical students. The Publication Committee was highly commended for its excellent work during the past year but cautioned to exercise economy in its expenditures during the ensuing year.

Letters were read by the Secretary from two members of the Society who will not permit their names to be published, each of whom has given the sum of \$1000 for the maintenance of the course of Astronomical lectures now being given under the auspices of this Society. This generous provision insures the continuation of the lecture course for several successive seasons. The Board passed a very heartfelt vote of thanks which the kindly donors are asked to read between the lines of these minutes.

A vote of thanks was extended to Director Black for his courtesy in making the Board Members his guests at the very attractive banquet which was served in the Bohemian Club while the business of the Board was being carried on.

The Board then adjourned to attend the Annual Meeting of the Society which had been called for 8.00 P. M. in the auditorium of the Suto Branch of the California State Library.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.